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PSC TO HOLD LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING IN REPUBLIC IN MISSOURI GAS ENERGY RATE CASE

JEFFERSON CITY—The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold a local public hearing in **Republic, Missouri on October 26, 2006**, to receive customer comment on a natural gas rate case filed by Missouri Gas Energy (MGE). Customers may also bring any service related problems to the Commission's attention during the local public hearing.

The **Republic** local public hearing schedule appears below:

**Republic R-III High School
1 Tiger Drive
5:00 pm PSC Staff Information Session
5:30 pm Local Public Hearing begins***

***The local public hearing will be held from 5:30 pm until all those wishing to testify have had an opportunity to do so.**

This local public hearing will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If a customer needs additional accommodations to participate in this hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

On May 2, 2006, MGE filed a natural gas rate case with the Public Service Commission seeking to increase non-gas cost revenues by approximately \$41.7 million a year. For the average residential customer, the proposed increase would be approximately \$6.52 a month.

Non-gas costs are the general operating and maintenance costs and a return on investment in plant, such as natural gas mains and service lines carrying natural gas to the customer's home or business. Non-gas costs typically represent 25 to 30 percent of a customer's total monthly natural gas bill. The remaining 70 to 75 percent of the customer's total monthly natural gas bill represents the actual cost of natural gas from wholesale suppliers of MGE. The Public Service Commission does not regulate wholesale supplier rates.

MGE serves approximately 510,000 natural gas customers in western Missouri.